# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# COMMUNICATIONS
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4432
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SHORTAGE OF UNDERGROUND TELEPHONE CABLES
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether there is shortage of underground telephone cables in the country;

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be met; and

(c) the funds allocated for the purpose?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS(SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) & (b): Procurement of underground telephone cable is done progressively during the year. There is no shortage of cable as of now. Already orders for 75% of the annual requirement have been placed. Balance 25% of the cables is in the process of procurement for utilization before the end of this financial year.

(c) Rs. 5160.70 Crores for annual plan 2000-2001.